

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Marquette County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

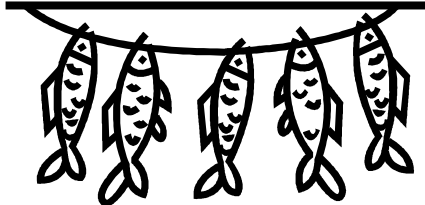
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Marquette County, **17,860** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **102 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Marquette County.

Marquette County has over **13,382 acres of state owned lands** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

In recent years DNR has invested over **\$6.7 million** towards improving DNR lands in Marquette County. \$6.5 million was used to completely **renovate the Buffalo Lake Dam, boat landing and Krakow Park in the city of Montello.**

Community Partnerships

Marquette County Land and Water Conservation Department received a \$5,000 flow meter grant from DNR to assess base flows in upper headwaters of trout streams.

Marquette County has **150 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

Snapshot of grants in Marquette County

A total of \$564,291 was awarded in Marquette County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities.** A snapshot of projects include: outreach on aquatic invasive species, Pleasant Lake supplemental management planning, trail maintenance and improvements on the Freedom Road Boat launch.

****Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

Forestry Activities

The forestry industry in Marquette County produces **\$441 million** in economic output, providing **\$112 million** in added value to the county.

DNR granted \$50,764 to local Fire Departments in Marquette County to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety in handling wild land fires.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$43,000 to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands, prairies and waters.**

Marquette County has **804 acres of private land open for public access** as a result of the tax law programs (Forest Crop and MFL). The Tax Law Programs encourage proper management of timber, wildlife, water quality and the environment through written management plans for a landowner's property.

Since 2005, **over 3,283 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Marquette County. The harvests provided more than **\$147,000 in revenue** to the state and contributed employment opportunities and raw materials to the local economy.

Two communities in Marquette County have received technical assistance from the DNR between 2011 and 2014, which helped them to develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 20 contaminated properties**. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment**.

DNR responded to five spills of hazardous materials over the past three years. DNR works with local fire departments and regional hazardous materials teams to coordinate response and clean-up activities.

Legislature authorized funding for the **Wisconsin Air Resource Program**, which created **improvements to the air permitting process**. This initiative resulted in more timely, consistent and transparent reviews of permits.

Deer Management in Marquette County

In 2014, Marquette County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR is working with eight landowners who have 2,000 acres enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 5,611 deer were registered in Marquette County with 1,454 harvested during archery deer season and 4,157 harvested during the gun deer season.